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To the Commission:

Enclosed for filing with the Arizona Corporation Commission please find an original and 15 copies of the petition of Z-Tel Communications, Inc. for leave to intervene in the above-referenced docket. Please date-stamp the additional copy, and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Respectfully submitted,

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**BEFORE THE
ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST)	
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S)	DOCKET NO. U-0000-97-238
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 271)	
OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT)	APPLICATION FOR LEAVE
OF 1996)	TO INTERVENE

**PETITION OF Z-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to Rule R14-3-105 of the Arizona Administrative Code, Z-Tel Communications, Inc. ("Z-Tel"), by its attorneys, respectfully petitions the Arizona Corporation Commission for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and hereby gives notice of its intention to participate as a full party to this proceeding.

Z-Tel requests that all correspondence, pleadings, notices, orders, and other communications concerning this proceeding should be addressed to:

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Z-Tel is a competitive local exchange carrier with a principal place of business at 601 South Harbour Island Blvd., Tampa, Florida 33602. Z-Tel's application to provide competitive local exchange, exchange access, and interexchange services in the State of Arizona is pending before the Commission.

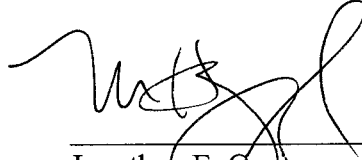
Z-Tel presently offers integrated local, long distance, and enhanced services packages to residential consumers in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas, and Z-Tel plans to offer a similar bundle of services to residential consumers in Arizona.

In providing the local exchange component of its service offering, Z-Tel relies on unbundled network elements ("UNEs") purchased from incumbent local exchange carriers, such as U S WEST. Because of its reliance on incumbent UNEs, U S WEST's compliance with section 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, will directly and substantially affect Z-Tel's ability to provide service to residential consumers in Arizona. Therefore, Z-Tel has an important interest in this proceeding.

Z-Tel seeks no change to the procedural schedule adopted by the Commission in this proceeding, and Z-Tel agrees to be bound by the record developed in this case to date. As such, no party will be prejudiced by grant of this petition.

WHEREFORE, Z-Tel requests that its Application for Leave to Intervene in this proceeding and be granted and that it be accorded full party status in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 27, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Charles M. Hines III, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **“Petition of Z-Tel Communications, Inc. for Leave to Intervene”** was delivered by first-class mail this 27th day of June, 2000 to the individuals on the following list:

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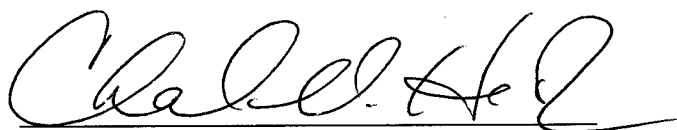
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